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THE *Tomb of* VENUS:

Or, A Plain and Certain

METHOD,

By which

ALL PEOPLE

That ever Labour'd under any

Venereal Diſtemper

May infallibly know whether they are Cured or not.

Effectual Remedies

To Eradicate all Noxious Remainders, as well of the Medicines applied, as the Diſeaſe it ſelf.

By a Foreign Phyſician.

Conditur hoc Tumulo Veneris Damnola voluptas.

Wretched Diſeaſe! *So long to lurk within,
And grow confirm'd, before the Danger's ſeen.
* Tate's *Syphilis*, p. 22.

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ERRATA.

THE Reader is desired to correct the following Mistakes with his Pen before he reads the Book.

Page 2. Line 23. read, *that my Reader*, &c.

Page 52. Line 11. instead of *Night*, read *Morning*.

THE PREFACE.

LONG Practice and Experience in Venereal Diſeaſes *in many Parts of the World, has given me the opportunity of obſerving, that* Gleets *after* Clap-cures, *and other the Conſequences that attend imperfect* Venereal *Cures, are much more difficult to be remedied, than the Severity of the Symptoms in either* Pox *or* Claps; *which muſt be juſtly attributed, either to the Ignorance or Male-practice of the Phyſician, or the Neglect or Irregularity of the Patient under the Methods preſcribed; not but that I am well aware that many Phyſicians to hide their own Ignorance, or Deſign, in that Practice, moſt frequently will lay the blame of the ill ſucceſs, which with Shame they ought juſtly to take upon themſelves, upon their injured Patients.*

I know that it is the usual practice of boasting Empiricks, *upon the ruine of the Reputation of others, to endeavour the building up of their own, and that even the most ignorant* Quacks *will often pretend to give the same warning, and speak in the same Dialect as I do here. This makes it so difficult for the Patient to distinguish between the real Physician and the Pretender, and is the reason, that all Practitioners in general, who have not given many and evident Demonstrations of their Success, as well as Skill, are by most People deservedly suspected of having no other aims, than that of gain, when to recommend themselves they reflect upon the Abilities of others. The same Censure I should deserve, if after finding fault with others, I did invite you to make use of me in the Distemper I have mentioned. But this is not my design, and to put it beyond all Controversy, that in what I have said hitherto, I can have no other end but the Common Good, be pleased to know Readers, that the curing of* Claps, Bubo's, Shankers, *&c. is a Practice which I follow no more, and have left off for some time, wholy declining to meddle with any recent Maladies, that are* Venereal.

The intent therefore of these few Sheets is bifarious, In the first place to keep from ruin such, as by late injuries received, actually labour either more or less under the effects of the Venereal Disease; *and in the second, to rid of their Fears all those, that ever had the Misfortune of being ill manag'd in the Cure of it.*

I have reduc'd the whole to Six Heads; First, I set down the various Methods of Cure, as in my Travels I have observ'd them practis'd among the several Nations of Europe. Secondly, *I lay open as briefly as possible in One and Thirty Aphorisms the Symptoms of this Disease, together with the most rational Method of its Cure, from the first Onset, till it leaves the Patient.* Thirdly, *I enquire into the Reasons why so many are never radically Cur'd of this Distemper.* Fourthly, *I shew the many Calamities that generally attend those palliative, and preposterous Cures they meet with.* Fifthly, *I set forth six select Medicines of admirable Vertue and Efficacy, that with ease and safety never fail to eradicate and expel whatever* Morbifick Seeds *may remain in the*

the Body after imperfect Cures, whether owing to the Diſeaſe it ſelf, or the Medicines applied, or both together, to which I add ſome Hiſtories of Cures lately perform'd by them. Sixthly, and laſtly, *by rehearſing the Symptoms of thoſe remains, I render all thoſe, that ever had any* Venereal Taint *capable to judge, whether they ſtand in need of thoſe Medicines or not.*

Being a Foreigner, and not underſtanding Engliſh *enough to write in it, I have been forc'd to make uſe of the* Latin *Tongue, out of which this is a Tranſlation: The Errors of which, as well as thoſe of the Preſs, I deſire may not be laid to my charge, becauſe they cannot be call'd mine, and I expect to be peck'd at, and found fault with ſufficiently beſides, by the ſnarling Criticks.*

But as I write to Patients *and not to* Phyſicians, *whatever is ſaid againſt this little Treatiſe, nothing ſhall engage me to a Paper War; and not valuing the ſupercilious Cenſures of ſuch as are*

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Authors *themſelves, I ſhall be very well ſatisfy'd if I have pleaſed thoſe that content themſelves with being candid* Readers, *and conclude with that of* Martial,

——cænæ fercula Noſtræ
Malim Convivis, quam placuiſſe Cocis.

In Engliſh *thus attempted,*

I'd rather have the Dainties of my Books
Should pleaſe the candid Gueſts, than cu-
rious Cooks.

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CHAP. I.

Of the Lues Venerea *in general, and the Methods to cure it commonly practiſed in* Europe.

THAT the *Lues Venerea* is an ignominious Diſtemper, is in nothing more conſpicuous, than its various denomination; for as the ſeveral Cities of *Greece* quarrel'd about the Honour of *Homer*'s Birth, ſo from the ſame Principle, the ſeveral Countries of *Europe* have caſt the Odium of firſt producing this foul Diſeaſe, upon the Nation they hated moſt; The *French*, who always had a great Antipathy againſt the *Spaniards*, call

it *Morbus Hiſpanicus*; The *Dutch*, that groan'd ſo many Years under the Yoke of the latter, have done the ſame: In ſeveral Parts of *Italy*, that uſe to claſh with the Kingdom of *Naples*, it is call'd, *Il Morbo Napolitano*: The *Spaniards* to be reveng'd, call it *Morbus Gallicus*; which being follow'd by moſt Nations of *Europe*, it is generally call'd the *French Diſeaſe*, with this diſtinction; in that the *Germans*, to ſhew they are more inveterate againſt them than the reſt, take off the word, *Diſeaſe*, and think it ſufficient in their Language, to call it, *The French*, without the addition of any Subſtantive at all.

The Ignominy I ſpeak of, has without doubt been occaſion'd from the Reflection on the manner, in which it is generally contracted: And this likewiſe has been much neglected, as to its Cure, in which, my Reader may know what Progreſs there has hitherto been made, I ſhall briefly relate; how the *Lues* is generally treated among the ſeveral Nations of *Europe*, according to the Obſervations I have made in the chief Cities where I made any conſiderable ſtay, in my

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Travels through *Spain*, *Italy*, *France*, *Germany* and *Holland*.

The *Italians* ſuppoſe this Diſeaſe to come very near the *Elephantiaſis*, or Leproſy, and inſtitute the Cure of it parallel with that, acting therein according to old *Galen*'s Rules, by Digeſtives for preparing the peccant Humour, and make it fit for evacuation; and aiming at groſs Phlegm and Melancholly, compounded their Medicines chiefly of ſuch as they thought had a prevalency of overcoming them; as *Electuaries of Borage*, *Bugloſs*, *Fumitory*, and the like, to ſome People; and to others, of *Syrup of Fumitory*, *Hony of Roſes*, *Waters of Bugloſs*, *Endive*, and ſuch like: And after theſe Digeſtives, *Solutives of Mirobalans*, *Agarick*, and ſometimes of *Confection Hamech*, or more ſtrong Purgatives, as they found the Caſe or Conſtitution to require.

The *Germans* to cure this Diſeaſe uſe frequent Sweatings in Stoves, ſometimes once, twice, thrice, or four times a Day in a Hot-houſe, which they continued, ſome Twenty, Thirty, and ſome Forty Days or longer, ſweating ſo eve-

ry Day, according to the Patient's Strength, uſing at the ſame time *Mercurial* Unguents, before they began the Sweating; eſpecially if the Caſe was inveterate.

The *Spaniards* to cure the *Lues*, firſt bleed, then prepare the Body for Purgation, reſpecting the Temperament of the Body, whether Cholerick, Phlegmatick or Melancholick, ſo aiming at the *Venereal Contagion* lodg'd in the predominant Humour, (which ſeems a very plauſible deſign) and to proſecute this Projection, do mix Alexipharmicks with the other Preparatives appointed for the Humour denominating the Conſtitution, continuing the courſe till the Humour was made gentle and obedient, and the Body fluid and fit for Purgation, which was then adminiſtred; after Purgation they uſe Sweating, Unction and Suffumigation according to the degree of Malignity, ever regarding the Patient's Strength and Conſtitution. It is a general Rule amongſt them, that before Sweating they bleed twice or thrice, and thoſe Bodies that would not allow of Bleeding more than twice, they judge not fit for Sweating, and after Bleeding,

ing, Purgation is reiterated twice, and then Sweating, which is performed every Day, or every other, or every third Day, as the Patient is able to bear it. Their Unctions and Suffumigations are generally prepared with *Mercury*, which, by conſent of the *Spaniſh* Phyſicians, is what chiefly gives the efficacy to this Method of Cure, although it is not denied by them, but that it is endow'd with malign Properties, and the uſe thereof to be dangerous, at leaſt not ſo ſecure a Remedy, as to be commanded at the Phyſician's Pleaſure. *Ludovicus Mercatus*, who was chief Phyſician to two Kings of *Spain*, and of the greateſt eſteem for Ability in his Country, in his Inſtitutions of the Cure of the *Lues*, reckons up the good Effects procured by *Mercury*, but withal gives caution that it be warily uſed, in theſe words: *Inter omnia hæc bona, quibus prudenter & a perito artifice præſtitum abundat; adeo perniciosa eſt naturæ, ut ſi indiſtincte aut temere alicui adhibeatur, facile graviſſima mala & mortem accerſat, ita, ut veteribus jure optimo inter Venera habitum reperiamus*: Therefore this is not fit for every Emperick to practiſe with

with, as commonly they do, to the detriment and prejudice of many People.

The *French*, in the Cure of the Diſeaſe of their Country, firſt adviſe to Laxatives, then to Bleed, in caſe no Indication prohibits, after which they inſtitute Purgations large and frequent, then give *Medicines that eradicate*, after which they apply to the *Matter offending*, which is in the Habit of the Body, to evacuate that; and if the Diſeaſe have any Reſidence in the Head, they adminiſter *Maſticatories*; if in the Joynts, *Cupping* with *Scarrifications*; if in the fleſhy Parts, *Sweating*; thinking That the beſt Evacuation; and this either by external or internal Means: If after this, it does not anſwer, they uſe Suffumigations with *Mercury*, eſpecially to take off Pains, and heal running Ulcers that are difficult, and to haſten their Conſolidation.

A certain *French* Author makes mention of a notable Cure he perform'd by Suffumigation, upon a Nobleman, who before had been under Phyſicians and Surgeons for ſix Months at *Lyons*, and could by no means be cured: He

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ſays he cured him in four Days time by this way of Suffumigation; but allows the courſe to be dangerous, and not to be practis'd but upon ſtrong Bodies, and with great Caution.

The *Dutch* practice for the Cure of the *Venereal Laes* uſed all over *Holland*, as at the *Hague*, *Amſterdam*, *Rotterdam*, *Delft*, the *Brill*, *&c.* are firſt by *Guaiacum* Decoctions; ſecondly, by Diſtillations of the Woods; thirdly, by Unguents; and fourthly, by Suffumigation: The way of curing by Unction has been practis'd in *Holland* for many Years, eſpecially in the Hoſpitals, as is very much the cuſtom of the Hoſpitals in other Countries, where I have been, as being an eaſy, cheap way for the Surgeons; but the Patient finds it ſad and troubleſome, many dying, not being able to go through it; and not a few come forth, after their Sufferings, without a Cure.

I have known ſome infected with this Diſeaſe, hug themſelves when in hopes of getting into the Hoſpital, thinking that then they ſhall be ſafe, and well provided for, and that the Means and Contrivances there uſed, is both judici-

judicious and excellent, far exceeding what can be expected from a ſingle Phyſician in any other place. I wiſh, and it is pity but it were ſo; but upon tryal of their uſage, ſome that have been Patients have from their own Mouths given ſuch Characters of their Entertainment, that if what they have inform'd me be true, more rude Ignorance, and ſlighter Management in curing this Diſeaſe, has not been heard of, than in theſe Places; And particularly ſome that have undergone their common Unctions there, and come forth uncured, have proteſted they had rather chuſe to dye, than to return thither again and repeat the former courſe; but without theſe Inſtances, methinks 'tis very obvious that the tractation of Patients in Places of common reception, manag'd by Salary-Officers, is much inferiour to the Endeavours of a private Phyſician, that is in Intereſt otherwiſe concern'd for their Patients, than to diſmiſs them, imperfectly Cured.

Their manner of curing in the Hoſpital of *Delft*, is a thing to be admired; Ten together being commonly ſhut up in a Chamber, and anointed

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all with one and the ſame Ointment, for five Days together, ſerving them, in other matters, likewiſe, all alike: Hence it is their Church-yards are ſo well fill'd with dead Bodies, for they uſe it to all promiſcuouſly without diſtinction, or conſideration had of their peculiar and different Caſes.

What I have here ſaid, muſt be only underſtood of the common Methods every where in vogue, but as to particulars, I have met in many places with Phyſicians that treated this Diſtemper more rationally, and were poſſeſs'd with noble Medicines for its Cure.

And now, tho' I renounce the undertaking of recent Injuries, yet for the Benefit of ſuch as are actually under Cure, I ſhall lay down in One and Thirty Aphoriſms, the Origin, Symptoms, and true Method of Cure of the *Venereal Diſeaſe*, that the Patient may the leſs be impoſed upon, and always know whether he is regularly treated or not.

CHAP. II.

Of the Rise, Increase and Cure of the Venereal Disease in 21 Aphorisms.

Aphorism I.

ABOUT the Year 1493. this Disease made its appearance in the Kingdom of *Naples*, and from thence spread it self in the *French* Army, and has since been so diffus'd, that scarce any part of the known World is a Stranger to it: And had it gone on with the same Celerity it began, it would have destroy'd Mankind within few Ages, or confin'd them to Hospitals, and made them wholly unfit for those Offices, whereby humane Society is preserv'd.

Aphorism II.

It is a Disease that is catching, or as we call it Contagious, and that either by Copulation, by Sucking or giving Suck, by immoderate Kissing, by Dalliance, by Sweat, by Exhalation

on or lying in Bed close to an infected Person.

Aphorism III.

It generally first shews it self, (and has done now for more than Two hundred Years) in the Species of a *Virulent Gonorrhœa*, endeavouring to go off that way; and appears with *Shankers* or Ulcers in the Privities, only in a very few, the Venom (because it cannot then be carried off by a Gonorrhœa) invades and infects the Blood presently.

Aphorism IV.

In whatever part of the Body this Disease is contracted, there it is most commonly observ'd first to shew it self.

Aphorism V.

It has never yet been discover'd by any one, that Man, Woman, or Child was in any kind tainted with this Disease, unless one of them was before infected therewith, whence the Opini-

on of those who think it may be gotten by profuse Venery between a Man and his Wife that are sound, is groundless: Tho' many living in the *Caribbe*-Islands, say, that the Blacks brought thither from *Guinea*, as well as some of them that live there, have this Disease, without impure Coition, so that a whole Family, Man, Wife and Children have it, but, is call'd by them, The *Yawes*.

Aphorism VI.

When any part is infected, you will first know it by its Itching or Tingling, by Heat or Inflammations, by a whitish Pimple, by Scales or Scabs, by Pimples fretting and running thick, and further (which is a more observable and particular Sign) by its not being cur'd by ordinary or vulgar Medicines, we mean such as never fail removing those Symptoms if they proceed from any thing that is not Venereal.

Aphorism VII.

From hence the Disease increasing, it first commonly infects the neighbour-

bouring Parts, and that outwardly by ſuch Ulcerating Puſtules, *&c.* as above-mention'd; afterwards if not ſtop't, creeps on 'till it ſeizes on the inward Parts alſo, as the Blood, the Glands, the Lips, the Gums, the Palate, the Tongue, the Throat, the Noſe, the Eyes, the Brain, the Lungs, the Liver, the Spleen, the Womb, the Shins, the Wriſts, *&c.*

Aphoriſm VIII.

From thence you will find it ſtill to increaſe, and grow worſe, and there will appear ſuch a thin, ſlimy, tough and green Running from the Part infected, as will fret and devour the very Fleſh, ſpreading it ſelf both in breadth and depth.

Aphoriſm IX.

Whereupon you'll have Shankers on the ſecret Member of a Man outward, a Gonorrhœa inward, a Soreneſs, Tenderneſs, or Swelling on the *Labia*, or in the Womb-Paſſage in Woman, or a Running miſtakenly call'd the Whites in the Sheath of the Womb.

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Aphoriſm X.

And if theſe Symptoms are ſtill left to run on, you will quickly find the Glands to ſwell in one or both the Groins, creating Venereal Bubo's, the Infection being communicated by the Lympha, which there is ſupped up, and tumify, cauſing darting or ſhooting Pains.

Aphoriſm XI.

And in Men you find a great Inflammation in the Yard, and in ſhort, a Mortification if not quickly prevented.

Aphoriſm XII.

In Women a ſhankerous Eating or Devouring on the *Labia*, ſo as they will ſcarcely be able to ſtir without Soreneſs and Pain, and the more they ſtir the more is the Part ſwell'd and painful.

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Aphorism XIII.

It often happens that the Testicles in Men are swell'd, which sometimes prove very painful, especially if suffered to propend or hang down, and not presently contracted, causing an inflammatory Tumor, extending it self to the *Seed Vesicles*, and turning to Ulcerations, Fistula's, and other great Mischiefs, very difficult to be cured.

Aphorism XIV.

Then Caruncles, Strangury, Erosions of the Urethra, Swellings and Hardness of the Prepuce, Glans or Nut of the Yard, Ulcerations of the prostate Glands, Neck of the Bladder, and Seminal Vessels, which are Symptoms Women also are affected with, the difference of Parts only considered.

Aphorism XV.

From hence it spreads it self into the more fleshy Parts, *viz.* Legs or Arms, causing Nocturnal Pains so violent as wholly to resist Sleep, attacking the midst

midſt of the Limbs, betwixt the Joints, ſometimes the Joints themſelves with ſuch ſtiffneſs and lameneſs, as not to be extended or ſtirred without racking Pains.

Aphoriſm XVI.

Hence it flies up to the Head, cauſing great Pain there; as alſo upon the upper part of the Noſe between the Eye-brows, upon which ſucceeds Inflammation in that, and the Palate, with Eroſion of both, which if not quickly ſtopp'd, fouls the Bones till they come away in bits, and the Noſe ſinks, and the Drink that is taken in at the Mouth, comes out at the Noſtrils in the Cup as the Patient is Drinking.

Aphoriſm XVII.

Then appears Exoſtoſes, Nodes, or Caries, in the middle of the Bones of the Arms or Legs, or both, and ſometimes in the Skull on the Forehead.

Aphoriſm XVIII.

Aphorism XVIII.

Then the fleshy Parts covering the Caries, rise up, and grow soft and pappy, and Impostumes gather, which are of a most malignant Nature.

Aphorism XIX.

Besides, other hard Knobs or Knots do raise the Skin, which at their first approach are obscurely painful, tho' by degrees the Pains grow more acute, and the *Periosteum* does putrify and corrupt.

Aphorism XX.

The Gonorrhœa is generally the first Symptom, with or without Heat of Urine, (if it be a Clap) and is cured by *Mercurial* Purges often repeated; by Emulsions, by Bathing; Fomentations, Injections, by Balsamicks; by Eating and Drinking temperately, and that of fresh Meats and small Drinks.

Aphoriſm XXI.

The Uſe of theſe Things muſt be ſtrictly perſiſted in, till nothing iſſues from the Privities, or is ſeen in the Urine, that is not uſual.

Aphoriſm XXII.

The Swelling of the Teſticles or Privities, is taken off by large Bleeding, by Anodynes, and Emollient Cataplaſms, and Fomentations of the ſame Nature.

Aphoriſm XXIII.

Bubo's are cured, if taken in time, by Diſcutients, and Specifick Plaiſters, in caſe they tend not to Suppuration, as will be known by their failing; then ripening Cataplaſms muſt be apply'd till they break, or are ready to break, which if ripe, muſt be open'd by Inſtrument or Cauſtick, afterwards muſt be digeſted, cleans'd and kept open, till the malignant Matter be diſcharged.

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Aphoriſm XXIV.

A ſwell'd Teſticle that is indurated, muſt be Fomented, letting Blood as aboveſaid, the *Amalgama*-plaiſter muſt be applied, and the Part at laſt cur'd with ſmooth Medicines: But if nothing of this kind will do, and there be a Collection of ſuperfluous Humours, Water, *&c.* then uſe Exſection, Digeſtion and Exſiccation, with a Truſs or Compreſs, according to Art.

Aphoriſm XXV.

Puſtules, Ulcers, Caruncles, and Shankers, are to be conſum'd by *Eſcarotieks*, ſo far, as that you can ſafely (without injuring the ſound Parts) come at them, and are to be applied till you come to the quick, when thoſe ſharp Medicines are to be forborn, and the Sore heal'd with proper ſmooth Applications; not forgetting always to uſe proper Internals.

Aphorism XXVI.

The running Matter, call'd the Whites in Women, (if Venereal) is to be cured by the twentieth Aphorism, and that after due cleansing, especially by strong Detergents, Injections, Fomentations, *&c.*

Aphorism XXVII.

In deplorable Cases where the Distemper has got such firm footing, as, to cause violent Nocturnal Pains either in Head, Shoulders, Arms, or Legs; also in inveterate indurated Bubo's; in virulent Gonorrhea's, Swellings, Ulcers, Fistula's, Scabs, Botches, Lameness and the like, where no other Medicines will take effect, there Salivation by proper *Mercurials* must internally be Administred.

Aphorism XXVIII.

But before the Patient undergoes a Salivation, his Body must be prepared with drinking of Ptisan, *&c.* the *Mercurials* also must be exhibited gradually,

ly, ever obſerving the ultimate of one Doſe, before you give another, and at laſt ſee the *Mercury* be effectually carry'd off before you diſmiſs the Patient.

Aphoriſm XXIX.

In the Operation, if three or four Pints be evacuated by Spitting in Twenty four Hours time, for Twenty or Twenty one Days, it is ſufficient; in ſome leſs quantity and leſs time will do; but where plentiful ſpitting is required, and leſs than Three or four Pints in that time comes off, you muſt ſtimulate the Glands by more *Mercurials*, according to Diſcretion.

Aphoriſm XXX.

But if the Patient ſpits too much, forbear the *Mercurials*, and give Lenitive Gliſters, Purges or Sudorificks, to carry them off, which failing, they muſt then be precipitated by proper Alkalious Salts, diſſolv'd in Broths.

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Aphorism XXXI.

The *Tophus*, or hard knotty Swellings on the Shins, Wrists or Forehead, *&c.* are leſſen'd by *Emplaſt*: *de Ranis cum Mercurio*; but if that does not ſoften and diſcuſs them lay open the Part, Exfoliate or Scrape the Bone, Incarne and Cicatrize according to Art.

Thus is ſhewn in ſhort, the whole of the Diſeaſe, and what Methods ſeem moſt rational for its Cure; wherein I think nothing is omitted that is neceſſary, or more ſaid than is convenient for the Patient's Inſtruction.

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CHAP. III.

The Reaſons, why the Venereal Diſeaſe in ſo many is never totally Eradicated, enquired into.

COnſidering the terrible Ravages, the Venereal Diſeaſe commits upon the Body, when once it has ſhot its Venom into the ſolid Parts; together with the Eaſe of cruſhing it in the Egg, and extirpating it in the beginning, for a skilful Phyſician; I have often wonder'd in great Cities, to ſee ſuch numbers made miſerable by it, among almoſt as many that pretend to Infallibility in the Cure of it, and ſeriouſly enquiring into the Reaſons of it, I have found, that it is that very Eaſe and Facility, with which ſmall Injuries and ordinary Claps in young Athletick People have often been cur'd, that has chiefly been the occaſion of theſe Miſcarriages.

All ſorts of People meddle with it, and there are thoſe that pretend they can eaſily cure it; one with Pills of *Turpentine*,

pentine, another by the Balſam *Capivii*, a third with a few Doſes of *Aloes* and *Calomel*; nay, ſome I know that have fancied themſelves cur'd by *Lemons and Sugar*; others with a bare *Poſſet*, and thus every one flatters himſelf with the fancy, that he has found an excellent eaſy Method for curing the Diſeaſe, from which the Ignorant make this ridiculous Argument: If it does in one, it will in all; It has done in me, *Ergo*———— Embolden'd by this way of arguing, and the impunity of the Offence, Multitudes daily ſet up for *Knowing People*, and impudently undertake the Cure of ſo ticklish a Diſtemper, with more ticklish Remedies; that have nothing but a few general Receipts to truſt to.

It is therefore the ill-managing this Diſtemper in its Infancy, that is the real cauſe of the Ruin of ſo many; for tho' by the uſe of thoſe Medicines the Symptoms often diſappear, and the Patient ſeems eaſy, yet the virulent Cauſe lies lurking in its Holes deep in the Patient's Blood, Humours, Seed, Veſſels, Nerves or Bones, who not being able to underſtand the Danger, goes on in his Miſtake; till at length

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it breaks forth, and ſhews it ſelf in more dreadful ſhapes, than ever it did, before the pretended Cure.

I would not be miſunderſtood, when I ſaid, that this Diſtemper was eaſily extirpated in the beginning, as if I meant, there was but little Art required for the Performance, for it is eaſily extirpated by none, but what I added, *viz. The Skilful Phyſician*, of which there are but very few, that have made the Venereal Diſeaſe their Study and Practice, (if compar'd to the numbers of *Clap*-Doctors) the beſt of which, tho' much better qualified, than thoſe I mention'd laſt, have perhaps but a very ſuperficial Knowledge in Venereal Caſes; for whoever thoroughly underſtands and has been long converſant with this Diſeaſe, can tell, how little one Remedy is to be relied on, in different Patients, tho' their Conſtitutions and Symptoms may ſeem to be the ſame, and what a Folly it is to imagine, that all can be cured alike in the ſame ſpace of time.

Mercury to ſome People proves a divine Remedy, to others, it is quite otherwiſe, as I have often found by my own Experience.

But a little while before I left off the Practice of the Venereal Diſeaſe, two common Strumpets came together to be cur'd, one of them about Twenty one, and the other Nineteen Years of Age: They were both *Puſtulous* all over their Bodies; and the firſt being the oldeſt Sinner of the two, I mean, in the Practice as well as Age, was moſt horribly tortur'd with *Rhagades* and *Condylomata*, *viz. Warts* and *Excreſcencies*, grievouſly Ulcerated about her Privy Parts, and the worſe infected of the two, yet was cur'd with *Mercurius Vitæ*, given from eight Grains to twelve every other Day, for two Months without Salivation, Sweating or Diet-drink: The other not near ſo bad, took the ſame Medicines, but with nothing like the ſame ſucceſs, ſo that I chang'd the courſe after two Months, and put her into a Diet-drink, with Sweating every other Day for a Month, Purging her once in four Days with *Calomel, grains* 25. and *Antimon. reſuſcitat, grains* 12. and ſhe was cur'd: So that it is plainly apparent what is a Medicine to one may be of no uſe to another, without firſt well conſidering the Conſtitution and Temperament,

perament of the Patient, before we begin or proceed too far, and alſo diligently obſerve, whether the Diſeaſe has taken up its reſidence in the *Skin*, *Fleſh*, *Bones*, *Perioſteum*; or be in the *Head*, *Throat*, *Privy-parts*, *&c.* or lodg'd in the *Blood*, *Glands*, or more remote Parts; and that it may be known which, obſerve, that if it be in the Skin it will cauſe *Ulcers* or *Bliſters*, or *Chapping* of the *Hands*, or *Efflorescence* of the Skin: If under the Skin, Falling off of the *Hair*; if under the *Perioſteum*, Pains in the *Limbs*; if in the Bones, *Exoſtoſes*; if the Blood, *reſtleſs Nights*, *Heats* or *Blotches*, *&c.* if in the Head, *violent Pain*, or *Tingling in the Ears*, *Dimneſs of Sight*, and Impediment of the *Hearing*. The conſiſtency alſo of the Humour muſt be conſidered, whether it be thick or thin, if it be thin, it buds out of the Skin more; if a thick Humour, it neſtles it ſelf under the Skin, gets upon the *Perioſteum*, and fouls the Bone: We muſt likewiſe conſider whether the Humour be hot or cold, and accordingly muſt the Remedies be adapted, which if hap'ning not rightly to be ſo, the Patient is only palliated and not cur'd,

tho' his Phyſician may affirm the contrary, not knowing what further to do.

And as theſe palliative Cures are the occaſion of greater Evils, in the beginning of the Diſeaſe, ſo they are yet more to be apprehended, where the Venereal Poiſon has taken deeper Root.

A Man and his Wife who were both Salivated for the *Pox*, were after their Salivation diſcharg'd, and aſſured by their Phyſician, they were well: They believ'd it, went about their Buſineſs, and continued pretty well for about ſix Weeks: When the Diſeaſe not thoroughly eradicated brought on freſh Symptoms, with Heats in the Fleſh, which as ſoon vaniſh'd, as appear'd, Tinglings and Itchings on the Noſe, the ſame on the Shins, which alſo went off almoſt as ſoon as they came, ſhooting Pains in the Head, Groins, *&c.* with theſe Complaints and more than are here expreſs'd, they went back to their Phyſician; who upon his enquiry, Damn'd and Curs'd them, telling 'em they were well; yet in a while after, they and he too, were ſufficiently convinc'd of the contrary; the Patients were

were put into other Methods for Cure by one, whoſe Name I care not to mention, and were both ſoon well; this happen'd juſt before I left off the Practice; elſe to my certain Knowledge theſe People had been miſerable, and beyond redreſs in a very little time.

But tho' the terrible Condition to which many are reduc'd, by the virulency of this Diſeaſe, is chiefly owing to the Ignorance of the Phyſician, it happens often, that likewiſe the Patient is acceſſory to his own Ruin.

Baſhfulneſs, Neglect, Irregularity, and above all, Covetouſneſs, has undone abundance.

Wherefore I ſeriouſly adviſe all People, as ſoon as they perceive any Injury, to look out for a Cure, and never to chuſe a Phyſician for being cheap, always to ſhun Quacks, that from ſome Trade or other, have leapt into Practice, what Medicines or great Performances ſoever they might brag of; and laſtly, to be ſtrictly obſervant to the Preſcriptions of a regular Practitioner, that is noted for Experience and Succeſs in Venereal Caſes.

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And I am confident, that whoever shall read this and follow it, will have so little cause to slight the Advice of a Foreigner, that he will for ever with thankfulness remember the unbyas'd Councel, which without possibility of being advantageous to my self, I give rather against my own Interest.

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CHAP. IV.

Of the Calamities, that generally attend Palliative and Prepoſterous Cures.

AS I have no deſign to treat of the Venereal Diſeaſe, but as it concerns thoſe, that have undergone a pretended Cure for it; and have for ſometime been freed from the Severity of its Symptoms; ſo I ſhall now ſpeak of what is to be fear'd from all imperfect Cures, not only in reſpect to the hidden Remainders of the Diſeaſe it ſelf, but likewiſe of the Medicines, that may have been unskilfully applied.

As to the firſt, It is an unqueſtionable Truth, that all Men or Women whatever, who once had a Venereal Taint, of which they have not been radically cur'd, tho' the virulency of it has been quell'd for many Years, are always liable from the ſame Seed, to the moſt deplorable Symptoms that ever

over that Diſeaſe produced: And this I ſay not only of a grown *Pox*, but likewiſe of what by ſome is thought very inconſiderable, as a mild or ſimple Venereal Gonorrhæa or Running of the Reins. I ſpeak by a long Experience of my own Practice, and declare, that at the latter end of it, I have met with ten of theſe After-claps to one newly contracted: In ſome I muſt confeſs the Strength of the Diſeaſe is ſo much broke, that it is never ſeen again to come to any degree of Virulency; yet as long as the leaſt Seeds of it remain, the Cure is never to be depended upon; for early or late the Poyſon will aſſuredly ſhew its ſelf under one Diſguiſe or other.

I ſhall now go on to the Miſchief, that may enſue upon the unskilful Application of Medicines, and here tho' I could lay very fatal Conſequences, to the charge of many ſorts of Vomits and Purges, that were either ill prepar'd or unadviſedly adminiſtred, I ſhall content my ſelf to ſpeak only of what often attends the abuſe of two Remedies much in vogue; the one *Vulnerary*, *Diuretick* and *Conſolidating*, the other *Mercurial*. The firſt, tho'

tho' ſome of them are ſpecifick in Gonorrhæa's do, if given by themſelves oftentimes conſolidate the Ulcers of the Proſtates too ſoon, and leave the *Virus* within; or elſe adminiſtred in too great Quantities, they ſo relax the Parts, that, tho' the *Venereal* Taint is eradicated, they often leave behind them, *Gleets*, which the moſt expert Practitioner is puzzl'd to Cure.

Upon the ſecond, the various Preparations of them being uſed throughout the Diſeaſe from the beginning to the end, I muſt be more prolix.

Mercury is a noble Medicine, yet when miſapply'd, even where it has cured the Diſeaſe, cauſes great Diſorders, by over-heating the Blood, ſpoiling its Craſis, breaking its Texture, ruining the Conſtitution, and overturning the whole Oeconomy of the Body, to the occaſioning thoſe melancholy Apprehenſions to ſome, that the Diſeaſe will never be eradicated, when alas! 'tis the *Mercury* cauſes all the Indiſpoſitions, and many indeed only ſpring from the too free uſe of that active Mineral; the conſequents of which if not timely removed prove very perilous, and which tho' ſufficient-

ly known to the ingenious and honeſt Phyſician, is yet made the ordinary Champion of the Ignorant and Audacious, who give to every Patient under their Care, this dreadful Remedy, which uſed unskilfully and promiſcuouſly, (it being of an Aerial and Spiritous Nature) is by the Heat of the Body attenuated and reſolved, and breaks out of its Compacture, as fir'd Gun-powder from a Gun, and naturally flies upwards, carrying thro' the Veins and Arteries, to the Brain, Floods of *Venereal*, Humours, which together, give that fatal Blow, which many have yielded to, by the Hands of daring Emperieks.

Mercury therefore indiſcreetly given inwardly or uſed outwardly, whether by Anointing or Fuming has cauſed dreadful Diſaſters: To thoſe that have any diſorder on their Lungs, it makes them for ever ſhort Breath'd, Aſthmatick, and cauſes corroſive Diſtillations: To thoſe troubled with Cholicks or Dyſenteries, it cauſes intolerable Gripes: To thoſe affected with Diſeaſes of the Head, it renders them Stupid, Lethargick or Mad; Nay, by taking overmuch *Mercury*, People have often thought

thought themſelves, under the Diſeaſe, when really it has not been ſo: For, by its Effects, each Part has had its Uneaſineſs; the Head when ſeiz'd by it, has been afflicted with Swimmings and Giddineſs; when the Brain, Lethargies and Forgetfulneſs; when the Nerves, Numbneſs and Tremblings; when the Blood, Fluttering, Heats and Fluſhings in the Face; when the Fleſh, Sorenеſs, Prickings and Shootings; the Bones, deep Aches and Lameneſs; the Joints, Stiffneſs and Pains when extended; when the Jaws, looſneſs of Teeth, ſore Gums, Cankers or Ulcers in the Mouth or Throat, with ſtrong Breath; and when in the Glands, ſpontaneous Spittings at ſeveral times, and ſo of the reſt; for ſcarcely by ill Hands is it ever made uſe of, without manifeſt Offence and Detriment to the Patient in ſome part or other: And tho' perhaps ſome great Pretenders may promiſe Security in its uſe, yet can't I think it rational for any one to venture, not only his own Perſon, but in all probability his Poſterity, upon the bold and raſh Aſſurance of every forward Diſtributor of this direful Mineral, *if ill* but excellent Antivenere-

al *if well* prepared and applied; ſome of whom are ſo ſtupid, that to all whoſe Misfortune it is to make Application to them, let their Caſe be what it will, they make uſe of it, hardly knowing any other Medicine.

One ſad Inſtance of it, I remember in a Gentleman, that having had a *Gonorrhæa*, or *Running* for Thirty Years together, from Weakneſs only, and being told it was *Venereal*, took many *Mercurial* Medicines, which inſtead of reſtoring, ruin'd him; inſomuch that dying of it, when he was open'd, his Seminal Veſſels were found exſiccated, and himſelf by the long Running, and the over-heating by the *Mercury*, from a ſtrong full bodied Man, was wore to a perfect Skeleton.

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CHAP. V.

Of the Remedies to Expel the noxious Remainders, both of the Medicines and the Diſeaſe, and ſome Hiſtories of Cures perform'd by them.

WHenever I have met, even from the beginning of my Practice, with any Diſtempers, that could be ſuſpected to proceed from the *Venereal* Taint imperfectly cur'd, I have always found it very difficult, to diſtinguiſh, whether they were owing to the original Diſeaſe it ſelf, or the Medicines that had been adminiſtred, eſpecially where *Mercury* was uſed; and whilſt upon this I ponder'd, I was much ſurpriz'd about Twenty Years ago with what I ſaw at *Haerlem*, the largeſt City in *Holland* but one.

A young Man of about Twenty four Years of Age, that often broke out in his Face with black Scurfs, under which in three or four Days time, ſordid Ulcers

cers were bred, took the Advice of ſeveral Phyſicians who wou'd have it to be the *Pox*; but upon his proteſting never to have had the leaſt Symptom of any *Venereal* Taint, and a more diligent enquiry being made concerning it, they found, that, when he was Sixteen Years old, he had been cured of a Running-itch by *Mercurial* Unctions, which being unskilfully applied in Froſty-weather, the Itch no ſooner diſappear'd, but he loſt the uſe of his Limbs, had a great Fit of Sickneſs, and was laid up for ſeveral Months; at laſt he recover'd, and remain'd well for Five Years, after which, he firſt came out in Blotches, that afterwards, as I ſaid before, were cover'd with Scurfs.

I made no doubt, but the remains of the *Mercury* were the occaſion of this naſty Diſtemper, and for that time the Analogy of the Symptoms led me into a more rational Notion, concerning the utter Extirpation of the *Venereal* Taint, than ever I had before: till at laſt by Labour and Experience, ſome Years ago, I attain'd to the Knowledge of ſome Medicines, that have a Power infallibly to eradicate all the Morbifick

bifick Remains, after prepoſterous Cures, as well of the Medicines, as the Diſeaſe it ſelf.

And by the many Trials I have made upon all Conſtitutions, and thereby being fully convinc'd of the Safety as well as the Efficacy of theſe Remedies, I have reſolv'd to expoſe them, not only for the Publick Good, which is the Common Cant, but likewiſe becauſe, confident of their Operation, I am morally aſſur'd they will bring me in a plentiful Harveſt; as the Reward for the Pains of my Study, and the Fatigue I have for ſo many years undergone in my Travels.

But to aſcribe abundance of Vertues to theſe Medicines, and tell the World they will do every thing, is a Method ſo Threadbare, that I purpoſely avoid it, and therefore ſhall ſay no more of them, than what I really have in my Practice experienc'd them to deſerve.

And to do this I ſhall ſpeak of each diſtinctly, acquaint the Patient of their Effects, when, and what Doſes are to be taken, in what Caſes, and how they will Operate: And ſhall begin firſt with

The Lenitive Elixir.

Which is a moſt excellent Volatile, piercing and penetrating, as well as ſolutive Medicine, that is to be taken by all People, who ever in their Lives have had any *Venereal* Taint, or have the leaſt cauſe to ſuſpect themſelves under any Diſorder, occaſion'd either by that Diſtemper, or the Medicines they may have taken for it, whoſe Effects have variouſly diſſeminated and diſpers'd themſelves thro' divers Parts of the Body, ſo that the Symptoms they labour under, owe their riſe from them.

This Medicine depurates and renovates not only the Blood, but whole Habit of the Body, clears it from all *Scorbutick*, as well as *Venereal* and *Medicinal* Degeneration: Should *Mercury* ſo affect the Head, Brain or Nerves, as to cauſe Giddineſs, Tremblings, *&c.* or ſhould it lodge in the fluid Parts of the Body, and create Pains, Tinglings, Heats, Itchings on the Shins, Noſe, or other Parts, this immediately precipitates and carries it off; ſhould your Blotches, Breakings out, Weakneſs or

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Leanneſs of Body, Reſtleſs-nights, Pains in the Head, Weakneſs in the Joints, or the other Symptoms at large deſcrib'd in the aforegoing Chapter, purely proceed from the Remains of the Diſeaſe it ſelf: *This*, as a Common Enemy will forthwith wage War, and never leave till it has overcome and utterly deſtroy'd them. Should your Caſe be only *Scorbutick*, and aſſuredly ſuch and no otherwiſe, yet if ever you have had the *Venereal* Taint, as thoſe *Scorbutick* Symptoms are generally heighten'd by it, tho' often thought to be no more than the Scurvy advanc'd, it is very adviſeable the Patient ſhould take *This Elixir*, which will not only diveſt him, of all *Venereal* as well as *Mercurial* Effects, but of the *Scurvy* alſo, which he will find to be a Service ſo extreamly agreeable, that a grateful Mind will be very thankful for it.

This *Elixir* is to be taken in Drops, 60 being the uſual Doſe, and that every Night and Morning, mixt in a Glaſs of Ale or Beer, which will generally give two or three Stools each Day, if not, take more, or if that Doſe gives above thoſe Motions, take leſs, two or

three Stools in a Day being ſufficient; But yet the Patient need not confine himſelf within Doors, or be any ways ty'd to ſtrict Rules of Diet, if he but obſerves during taking it, to live regular and avoid all Salt and High-ſeaſon'd Meats; and Strong, Spirituous and Stale Liquors.

But ſhould the Caſe be moſt certainly *Venereal*, and the *Relicts* of the Diſeaſe be more than ordinary rebellious, ſo as to cauſe violent and acute Pains in the Head, Limbs, Shins, *&c.* Ulcers in the Throat, Inflammations, ſenſible Decay of Fleſh and Strength, and the like; I muſt then adviſe him every third or fourth Morning, whilſt taking the *Elixir*, to take alſo the *Powder* following, *viz.*

The Eradicating Powder.

Which for rebellious and ſtubborn Symptoms that are either *Venereal* or highly *Scorbutick*, is a Medicine not to be match'd. It contends more forcibly than the *Elixir* can, and is therefore now and then proper to be exhibited with it, to break through thoſe tough viſcous Humours, which

the *Elixir* may not be able to penetrate, for this agitates all the Fluids in the Body, and like a Ferret ranſacks every Hole and Corner to find its Prey, deſtroying the very Seeds both of *Venereal* and *Scorbutick* Diſeaſes, carrying them off by 7 or 8 Motions, and if by chance the Stomach be injur'd by any foul, ſour, clammy, or ſlimy Humours, it will alſo work gently upwards by a Vomit or two, but without the leaſt Fatigue, Indiſpoſition or Danger.

But then the Night following the taking this *Powder*, the Patient muſt be ſure to take of the Medicine following, *viz. The Diaphoretick Extract*, which will again Compoſe and Settle the whole Body, and likewiſe the better prepare the Blood and Humours for receiving the *Elixir*, which muſt for ſometime be diligently repeated; for as has been before told you, *The Relicts of the Diſeaſe is harder to be overcome, than the Diſeaſe it ſelf*, ſo the more difficult if intermix'd with the Injuries of ill prepar'd *Mercurial*, *Antimonial* and ſuch like Medicines, but moſt of all ſtill when join'd alſo with a *Scorbutick* Taint; therefore it is

ſo neceſſary that the Medicines be continued, even longer than the Symptoms you take them for, be remov'd, not only as a ſecurity againſt any Relapſe, but to ſatisfy your ſelf you have made thorough work of it, and not ſo much as left even a *Seed* behind to bud out again, as if there be, it will, which is a Caution worth notice, and what if obſerv'd you will never repent of.

The Eradicating Powder is thus to be taken.

Mix it in a Spoon with a little Ale or Beer, or almoſt any Liquor, and take it in a Morning faſting, drinking as it Operates, Poſſet-drink or Wagruel warm, keeping within Doors all that Day, if the Weather be cold; or only till Noon if it be warm: which is all the Obſervation neceſſary, only remember to take it when the Caſe requires, as before is told you, every third or fourth Day till well, not taking the *Elixir* thoſe Mornings you take this Powder.

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The Diaphoretick Extract.

Is a noble *Mineral* Medicine, it makes all the tough and viſcous Humours of the Body fluid, and thereby the eaſier to be carry'd off by the *Elixir* and *Powder* aforemention'd; beſides it alleviates and removes all violent Pains, (a tranſcendant Excellency, for which alone it has been admir'd) clears away all Cutaneous Indiſpoſitions, making Blotches, Scabs and the like, eaſily ſheal off; it gives Vigour to the whole Body, refreſhes the Spirits, Natural, Vital and Animal, and ſo compoſes the whole *Archeus*, that nothing can do more.

It is always to be taken (as I ſaid before) the Night after the *Eradicating Powder*, either by it ſelf, from the Point of a Knife, or elſe diſſolv'd in a little warm Ale or mull'd Wine, juſt going into Bed; It will cauſe Sweating very pleaſantly and plentifully in the Night time, without diſturbing your Reſt, or requiring any Attendance; and then the next Morning may you take the *Elixir* again (you not being to take *that* the Nights

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you take this *Extract*) and the Patient may go abroad, only with a little more than common Care of taking Cold.

The above is the courſe to be taken, when the *Relicts*, and *Remains* of the Diſeaſe are ſo rivetted to the Body, that the *Elixir* alone will not remove them. But yet none are forbid to take the *Elixir* for a while by it ſelf, becauſe I have known *That alone* has done Wonders; but if upon a Fortnights Trial of it, you do not find the Symptoms ſo conſiderably abate, as to your own thinking, you will be thoroughly cur'd by it; it is then, that you are adviſed to take the *Powder* and *Extract* with it as Aſſiſtants; which indeed very many have coveted of me, and deſired I would adminiſter to them, *to make ſure work*, as they have term'd it, when it has been my Opinion that the *Elixir* alone would have cur'd them.

It is upon theſe three Medicines, I ſay, that the Cure of the *Remains* of all *Pocky* Indiſpoſitions, left in the Blood and Juices, whether accompanied with *Scorbatick* or *Meditinal* Cauſes, or both of them, does depend; and I do aver,

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without ſaying any more in their Praiſe, that as no one need to *fear*, ſo will every one that takes them, *find* their Efficacy, and be extreamly pleas'd in *Experiencing*, what I ſhould have been more cautious in *Commending*, had not repeated Trials on all the different Conſtitutions, in this and other Parts of the World, convinc'd me of their more than common Vertues.

Having directed the Method ſo far for *Pocky* Remains, I come now to that for the Cure of *Gleets* in *Men*, and ſuch like weakning Indiſpoſitions in *Women*, the common Relicks of *Clap*-Cures, and as they are to be manag'd after a different manner, and with Medicines quite different from thoſe preſcrib'd for the *Pocky* Remains, I ſhall particularly ſpeak to them, and direct the Remedies likewiſe for their Cure.

When any therefore, after the ſuppos'd Cure of *Claps*, whether by over Purging, or too plentiful or untimely uſe of *Turpentine*, *Balſam Capivii*, or other hot, relaxing Medicines, are left with *Gleets*, or *Runnings*, tho' but ſmall, and even of a tranſparent Colour, which is call'd a Pearl or Drop,

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tho' the Patient may make ſlight of it, he may depend upon it, he is not perfectly Cur'd, for that the Springineſs and true Tone of the *Parts* are either utterly loſt, or ſo debilitated as not to have recover'd their former Strength, *a true ſign the Weakneſs ſtill continues*; which if ſo, and the Parts being *what we call* dependant, the Humours naturally crowd down upon them, and ſo enervates them to that degree, that what was but juſt now a Weakneſs and little ouzing Moiſture, by degrees comes to a perfect Foulneſs, and not only runs more plentifully, but is alſo of a yellow Subſtance, even as it was at firſt when the Infection was very manifeſt.

This immediately puts the Patient upon Application again to his Doctor, who, *ten to one*, adviſes him to Purge as before, and it may be upbraids him with having got a new Infection. This Purging may, perhaps by diverting the Humours a little and carrying them off, change the Yellow Colour of the *Running* to Whiteneſs, and Tranſparency again, and the Patient may be told as before, that he is well, but in a little while appears the ſame, if not worſe

worſe Symptoms, the conſtant Attendants of curing *Gleets* by frequent and ſmart Purgings, which in length of time ſo debilitates the whole Seminal and Muſculous Parts, that the Patient is either fix't in a perpetual *Gleet*, or rendred ſo manifeſtly weak and impotent in thoſe Parts, as, to ſay no worſe, makes him almoſt Diſtracted.

And here I'll give you only one Inſtance among a great many I have met with, it happen'd in this City. A Gentleman near Forty Five Years of Age, getting an Infection from a common Woman, had the uſual Symptoms of a *Clap*, the Running of which after Purging, was (untimely enough) ſtop't by Emplaſtick and Reſtringent Medicines, and he to his thinking Cur'd, but this malignant Enemy was only laid aſleep, not rooted out; for it would conſtantly once in a Fortnight or Three Weeks ſally out again, and ſhew it ſelf in its former Yellow Colour, which upon repeated Purgings would go off, leaving only a colourleſs *Gleeting*; which ſometimes would go away of it ſelf, other times grow foul again of its own accord, and thus would Ebb and Flow for ſeve-

ral Years together, according as his way of living was regular or intemperate: This *Gleeting* rendred him Impotent, and almoſt Diſtracted him, hindring his Marriage, and ſpoiling his Fortune, and cauſing him to ramble from one to another for Cure; till at laſt applying himſelf to me, in leſs than three Weeks, by the Methods I ſhall by and by deſcribe, I Cured him, and he continues ſo.

I have met with many parallel Caſes in Women, from whence may be obſerv'd the lurking Property of *Venereal* Malignities, and how ſtily *Gleets* will abſcond in the Spermatick Parts for Weeks, Months, and what is more, ſome Years, as I have here and there obſerved, to a worſe Tendency than what has been yet ſpoken of, for ſome indeed by this Management have been run into violent Pains in the Back, with loſs of Fleſh and Strength, others into Conſumptive Habits, and ſome again into tormenting Ulcers of the Kidneys or Bladder, *&c.* And Women by this have been brought into large Fluxes of the *Whites*, which by continuance change ſometimes Yellow, and ſome-

times of a bloodish Colour, which then are said to be Infectious, and that with the more reason, because accompanied with Soreness of the Privities, *&c.* which yet is no more than the foul *Whites*, but if neglected, may terminate into grievous Excoriations and Ulcerations of the Privities or Neck of the Womb, and soon bring on Weakness of the Body, Decay of Strength, and spoil the whole Habit and Constitution, by Impoverishing the Blood, causing Bloatedness in the Face, Swellings in the Legs, and the like, which introduce Dropsies, and upon ill management end in Death.

I say in those Cases where Foulness attends the *Gleets* or *Runnings* in either Sex; There the Patient must first take the *Lenitive Elixir* aforementioned, to cleanse, which it does both gently and pleasantly, and also wholy destroys all Remains of the *Venereal* Taint as said before, if any, and when upon taking that, the *Running* or *Gleet*, changes from Yellowness or other foul Colour to a Whiteness, or Transparency, then it is, that the Medicines to remove

that *Gleeting* muſt be taken, and they are theſe that follow, *viz.*

1. *The Balſamick Electuary.*

Of which is to be taken the quantity of a Nutmeg every Night going to Bed, drinking a few Spoonfuls of any Liquor after it, juſt to waſh it down. And

2. *The Corroborative Drops.*

Of which are to be taken every Night Twenty at a time in a Glaſs of Red Wine and Water, which two Medicines muſt be continued conſtantly till the *Gleeting* is over, which will be in about Fourteen or Twenty Days, tho' the Patient notwithſtanding its being gone, is to continue taking them both for a Fortnight longer, in order ſo to ſtrengthen and confirm the Parts, as to be able to reſiſt any Flux of Humours thereon, the leaving off of which too ſoon (a Fault ſo common) is often the Cauſe of a Relapſe, the Veſſels not being ſo ſufficiently ſtrengthen'd and defended as they neceſſarily require.

These two Medicines do not Purge, do only keep the Body just soluble, but at the same time these are taking inwardly, the Patient, whether Man or Woman must not fail of injecting with a proper Syringe the following Consolidating Injection.

The Consolidating Injection.

Which every one that has a *Gleet*, will be under the necessity of using, I say under the necessity, because tho' some may get Cur'd with the Electuary and Drops aforegoing, without Injecting, yet the Cure may not be so secure, for tho' the Defluxion upon the Parts may be stopt, and no *Gleeting* at all appear, yet the Vessels being debilitated upon every slight Occasion, either of Exercise, Cold, Drinking, Coition, Costiveness, or Straining at Stool, *&c.* they may emit a Moisture, which in time will increase, it is therefore to prevent Relapses in that kind, that I advise this Injection to be used; by a Man into the Yard with a Yard-Syringe (call'd by the Pewterers, a Bub-pointed-syringe)

ringe) and by a Woman up her Womb, with a Syringe call'd the Womb-Syringe, and to use two Syringes full each time, to be repeated four, five or six times in a Day, according as the *Gleeting* or *Running* is more or less, and thus to continue every Day, during the taking the Electuary and Drops; Women are to use the Injection warm, but Men may use it cold.

The Efficacy of these three last Medicines in those Cases is such, as will not disappoint you. No weakning *Gleet*, or Flux can stand against them, their Nature being so exceeding Balsamick, Strengthning and Restoring. For they do not only barely take away, (for oftentimes your Turpentine-Pills, Astringent-Powders, Injections and the like, will do that, by forcibly stopping up the Matter by their Plastick Nature) but they thoroughly alter and set to Rights the lost Tone of the Parts, give them their former Strength, and again restore to the Generative Parts their pristine Vigour, rectifying the Discrasy of the Blood and Humours, which in these

these Distempers is apt to grow sharp, eager or sower, to the introducing Scurvies, Rheumatisms, consumptive or weakning Habits, and what not, when the *Gleet* is unskilfully stopt by the ordinary means abovementioned, I shall only add that these Medicines will do all that is to be done in those Cases, not by halves, stopping and damming up the *Gleet*, but by making such secure work, that it is impossible ever after any Relapse should happen.

But because as I am a Foreigner, that has gain'd his Experience chiefly abroad, it might be alledg'd, that perhaps those Medicines would not have the same effect upon *English* Constitutions, which they had upon those of other Nations; to obviate which, and the better to shew their Efficacy, I shall only insert some few Instances of Cures, that since my coming over have been perform'd by them upon *English* People.

A Gentleman that had been in the Hands of a Physician famous for curing this Distemper, and had taken his leave, as cured of a *Gonorrhœa*,

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at about three Weeks end found his Shirt ſtain'd with Spots, at firſt only white, and when dry, ſtiff, but in a Day or two appear'd with a little Yellow in the middle of them, then (as he ſaid) thought it time to wait on his Doctor again; who by his Injections and Turpentine (on which laſt, ſays he, I thought I dieted) he became very eaſy again, for it may be a Month or longer, and thus off and on his Doctor and he correſponded, till deſpairing with this *Gleet* he came to me; and upon taking the *Electuary* and *Corroborative Drops* abovementioned, uſing at the ſame time the *Injection*, he became in Twenty Days as perfectly well as ever he was in his Life; but ſtill fearing Relapſes which he had been ſo uſed to, he deſired to continue the courſe a little longer, and ſuffering him to do it but Fourteen Days longer, he ſo confirm'd his Cure, that he continues now as free from that *Gleet* as if never afflicted with it.

Another, who after a *Clap* ill-manag'd by a Country Apothecary, had put himſelf under the Care of a *London* Phyſician, who adviſed Saliva-

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tion, and accordingly went through a Courſe, and for Twelve Years to all appearance was clearly got rid of his Diſtemper, till at length there appear'd ſmall Pimples over moſt part of his Body, but thickeſt upon his Neck and Shoulders; he was likewiſe troubled with a clammy Humour that iſſued from his *Scrotum*, and the inner Parts of his Thighs, and particular ſhooting Pains on his Jaws, but by times in ſeveral Parts, and not of long continuance in any one part; which ſome call'd a *Scurvy*, others a *Venereal* Taint; however to reſtore this Gentleman, I order'd him firſt to take the *Lenitive Elixir*, as the Directions ſhew, which not being powerful enough, I alſo exhibited the *Eradicating Powder* and *Diaphoretick Extract*, and to waſh the Parts outwardly affected, with the Injection aforegoing, and to continue them for ſome time, which he did indeed with great exactneſs, and found as the Reward of his Diligence, and Virtues of the Medicines, a perfect Reſtoration to his priſtine Health.

A third was rid of all Symptoms attending a *Gonorrhœa*, which he had

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been afflicted with, and had continued in good Health in every Reſpect, but was afterwards perplex'd with a whitiſh Foulneſs that gathered betwixt the *Preputium* and *Glans*, which by *Deterſives*, *Aſtringents*, and ſundry other Applications for near two Years, he could not get rid of: It was generally moſt troubleſome to him Spring and Fall, and was always of that Nature, that if not daily waſh'd and kept clean, it would gather again, and if not remov'd, would in time make angry, inflame and excoriate both *Glans* and *Prepuce*; This put the Patient under ſeveral Apprehenſions, whether this might not proceed from his former *Gonorrhœa*; and making his Application to me, I told him, 'twas more a *Scorbute* and Sharpneſs of the Humours than any thing *Venereal*, and gave him firſt the *Lenitive Elixir* aforegoing, that I might be ſure I was right in my Opinion of its not being *Venereal*, and ſo it prov'd, for it was only a *Gleeting* Humour, of the ſame Nature as *Gleets* that iſſue thro' the Paſſage of the Yard, only the one ouzes from the Glands in the Groins,

Groins, and the other from the *Proſtate* or other Glands in the *Urethra* or Paſſage of the Yard; I preſently after the *Elixir* order'd him to take the *Balſamick Electuary* and *Corroborative Drops*; to waſh the Parts and Inject with the *Conſolidating Injection*, which had that good effect as I expected and doubted not of, ſo that the Gentleman was perfectly Cur'd to his no ſmall Joy, after an utter Deſpair of ever being ſo, or ever being capable of the Marriage-bed, by reaſon of the Tenderneſs, as well as Debilitation of thoſe Muſculous and Nervous Parts, neceſſarily employ'd in the Act of Generation.

A fourth Gentleman of no ſmall Figure in this Town ag'd about Forty three Years, was all on a ſudden taken with moſt violent Pains in his Limbs, which his Phyſicians ſaid was the Rheumatiſm, they directed what they thought neceſſary, and in a great meaſure releas'd him from his Pains, upon which enſued Scurvy-ſpots or Breakings out all over him, to remove which, they ſent him to the *Bath*, where upon drinking the Waters, all to appearance vaniſh'd,

and the Gentleman return'd Home, to his thinking, in a perfect State of Health. A Month or two after, his Breakings-out appear'd again all over him, not having his Face free, which was very unſightly, upon applying again to one of the aforeſaid Phyſicians, he told him it was the Scurvy, and accordingly preſcrib'd for him, but to little purpoſe. The Patient at length calling to Mind a former *Venereal* Taint he had, he could not be perſwaded in himſelf, but it proceeded from thence, tho' he had been marry'd Ten Years, and his Lady to all appearance as well as any one in the World. Upon this thought, and hearing of me ſpoke of in Company he was with at a Tavern, the next Day comes to my Lodgings, and tells me the whole Story; upon viewing his Spots, I told him they were certainly *Venereal*, and gave him the *Elixir*, *Powder*, and *Extract* before recommended for *Venereal* Remains, which he took but for Three Weeks, and they perfectly cur'd him: It is now four Months ſince, and I dare affirm, he will never have cauſe to complain more

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of his old Diſaſter. He was ſo well pleas'd, that by all means his Lady muſt go into the ſame Courſe, who by his perſwaſion, (not knowing for what reaſon, or from whom) did ſo for about a Fortnight, under the notion only of ſweetning her Blood, and by way of prevention, but truly for the ſake alſo of her being ſecured.

A Fifth, A married Man that by dallying with a foul Woman got a Shanker, with which he runs to a Surgeon to have ſomething to heal it, making no more of it, than a Scratch with a Pin, the Surgeon alſo call'd it a Trifle, which he would Cure in Three Days time, and indeed was as good as his word; the Patient returns home well pleas'd, takes the ſame freedom with his Wife as uſual, thinking all the danger over; a while after the Man was afflicted with violent Pains, his Wife complains of a ſore Eye, and all this was eſteem'd to be from catching Cold, as 'tis commonly call'd, and as ſuch treated by the Apothecary to the Family, but he having no Succeſs, a Phyſician was call'd, who term'd it a *Rheumatiſm* in the Man, and the *King's-Evil*

Evil in the Woman, but his Efforts for a conſiderable time made but ſmall Abatement, at length, the Husband ſuſpecting the Cauſe, and hearing of a famous Diet-drink that was publiſh'd, between them they took Thirty Pounds worth of it, but to as little purpoſe as before: From rinſing their Guts with this, they apply themſelves to an Eminent Surgeon, who very plainly told them they had (and 'twas really too true) Ulcers in the Throat, and muſt be Salivated; they both ſubmitted, and were kept in that Furnace of Affliction almoſt ſeven Weeks, but with what Succeſs is dreadful to mention. The Man, in ſhort, loſt his *Uvula*, had the Bones of his Palate and Noſe foul'd: The Woman loſt the Sight of one Eye and ſeveral of her Teeth, and indeed they were both ſuch miſerable Objects as would force Pity from, as well as Terrify, any Spectator. In this ſad Condition they came to me, or indeed I to them, for they were both aſham'd and unable to come, I found preſently the cauſe of their Misfortunes, and that *Mercury* more than the Diſeaſe had made that havock, I immedi-

mediately gives them for ſome time the *Elixir*, *Powder* and *Diaphoretick Extract*, and made proper Applications to the Throat and Noſe of the Man, but as for the Woman ſhe had only a Swelling near the *Jugular*, which by the Medicines, was diſcus'd, and they were both retriev'd as 'twere by a Miracle, but not without *Venus*'s Scars, which can never be remedied; *loſs of Subſtance not being to be repair'd.*

And here I cannot but reflect a little upon the Management theſe People were under, the ſame thing being very common Abroad, and what I have alſo obſerv'd here, which is this, when a Practitioner finds the Symptoms preſently upon giving his Medicines, to abate, he augments the Doſes, (moſt People ſtriving who ſhall Cure quickeſt, not ſafeſt) without waiting a little to ſee Natures Inclination, or to make ſpeedy work on't, changes the Medicines for more powerful ones, which he repeats oftner, and perhaps in larger Doſes: Theſe inſtead of abating, rather aggravate the Symptoms to his great ſurprize, ſtill believing that as the ſame

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Medicines in ſmall Doſes had been ſo ſucceſsful in removing the Severity of the Infection, enlarging and oftner repeating them, muſt certainly compleat the Cure; whereupon they give on, but with what fatal Effects the Story juſt mention'd too obviouſly explains, for it was the too many *Mercurials* that wrought thoſe diſmal Effects, they miſerably experiencing that the more Doſes they took, the worſe they were, the *Mercury* flying upwards, as it naturally does, and rotting the nobleſt Parts by its deleterious Steams; and tho' many Phyſicians go on in *Mercurial* Courſes, yet I am poſitive they ought not promiſcuouſly to adminiſter to all People without firſt conſidering their different Caſes, leſt the conſequence prove as bad, if not worſe, than what has been juſt now told you.

In *Gonorrhœa*'s, or according to the common Acceptation, in *Claps*, nothing is more frequent, eſpecially among Quacks where the Pay is generally ſmall, than for them to ſtop the *Running* with all ſpeed, which being done, the Cure, they ſay, is compleated, the

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Doctor paid off, the Patient dismiss'd, and perhaps *Pox'd* into the Bargain.

One that had a *Virulent Gonorrhæa*, would needs have it stopt at a venture, tho' he was honestly told by his Surgeon, he would not warrant him safe; it prov'd as he fear'd, and the Consequence was dreadful, for it vented it self soon after, by Inflammations on the Stones, a Bubo in the Groin, and violent Pain in the Kidneys and Loins, which when they were with great difficulty remov'd, the Symptoms of the *Venereal* Taint too truly appear'd, but after he had been with me about 24 Days, and taken the *Elixir*, the *Powder*, and *Extract* for that time, all the Symptoms disappear'd, he was clear'd and perfectly releas'd from all his Misfortunes.

A Gentleman after Cure of a *Gonorrhæa* was left with a *Gleet*, and was told by his Doctor (when he found he could not remove it) that it was nothing, he was well, and what little *Running* he had, cleans'd him, cool'd his Body, and being only the Redundancy or Fulness of his Seed, did him good, and advis'd him to let it alone and not have it stopt; which the inno-

cant Gentleman believ'd, 'till it en creaſed more and more, and had ſo weaken'd him, that he was extream Feeble, and left totally Incapacitated as to the Act, and wholly depriv'd of the Power of Generation: With theſe Complaints he came to me, much concern'd at his being depriv'd of that pleaſing Power, tho' uncertain as he ſaid, whether he ſhould ever have occaſion; I ordered him the *Electuary*, *Drops*, and *Injection*, which in about Three Weeks time releas'd him from his *Gleet*, whereupon his Erections return'd, and he made as fully capable as if no ſuch Impotency had been.

A Lady of Note that had the *Whites*, was recommended to my Care, her Caſe was indeed bad, the Flux being ſo great as had reduc'd her almoſt to a Skeleton; upon enquiring into the Cauſe, I found ſhe had been formally injur'd by her Spouſe, the Diſcharge being very foul; and fearing leſt any Relicts of the Diſeaſe lay lurking I gave her firſt the *Elixir*, after that the *Electuary*, *Drops*, and *Injection*, which in Six Weeks time, with the help of the Air, and a proper Diet, reſtor'd her,

her, to the Admiration of all that knew her.

I ſhall cloſe with only one Account more of a poor honeſt Woman, who having got the Diſeaſe by her Husband, applies to a Phyſician (ſince dead) who preſcrib'd her *Mercurial* Pills every Night and Morning for near Seven Months together, exhibiting alſo once in a Week a vomiting Bolus, prepar'd with *Antimony* and *Mercury*, as I ſaw by his Preſcriptions which ſhe procur'd from the Apothecary, to ſhew me. Her Caſe was this, a violent Pain in her Head, two large Ulcers on her Legs, a nodous Swelling on her Forehead, and theſe attended with an univerſal Wearineſs and Weakneſs of her whole Body; the ſevere Pain in her Head taking away her Stomach, and wholy depriving her of Sleep, which together with her Purging and Vomiting ſo conſtantly, at laſt reduc'd her to the degree of a Conſumption. But the Courſe above not effecting what the Phyſician told her, any more than by giving her a little eaſe; ſhe reſolutely forbore all Medicines for near three Months, hoping thereby to get a little Strength, which

which it ſeems ſhe did, But then the old Malady, as ſhe got Strength, returning again with almoſt the ſame Symptoms as before, ſhe made her Complaint to a Surgeon in the Neighbourhood where ſhe dwelt, who immediately put her into a *Salivation*, which held her eleven Weeks; after having endur'd that Confinement, by her plentiful Spitting, and other due Applications, her Ulcers heal'd up, and ſhe (to conclude and confirm all as her Surgeon ſaid) was directed to make her ſelf a Diet-drink, which ſhe did, and drank for ſeveral Weeks after, and then went into the Country for Air, and thought her ſelf perfectly reſtor'd, all Matters ſufficiently favouring that Opinion: She returns to Town well, continuing ſo for ſome Months, when, all on a ſudden, without any Provocation or renew'd Cauſe (her Husband being at Sea) her Legs grew painful, ſwell'd and broke out as before, her Pain in her Head alſo return'd, the nodous Swelling appear'd, and her Strength again daily abated; under this ſore Diſcouragement ſhe returns to her Surgeon, and ſhews him what Condition ſhe was in, and

with Tears implor'd his Aſſiſtance: He ſtood amaz'd, but at laſt told her ſhe muſt neceſſarily be Salivated again, which ſo affrighted her, the laſt ſhe underwent being freſh in her Memory, that ſhe reſolved the contrary, and taking her leave of him, ſaid ſhe would rather chuſe to dye. A while after by means of a near Relation of hers, a Gentleman of good note, hearing of me ſpoke of in Company, brings her to my Lodgings in a Coach, and upon enquiring into her Caſe, and hearing with Patience, the whole diſmal Story; I propos'd not only to Cure her without Salivation, (againſt which indeed ſhe proteſted) but even without Confinement; and immediately directed her to a Surgeon, to get her Legs well, ordering her to tell him, he muſt provide her ſtraight Stockings, which he did, and I muſt ſay to his Credit, he took great Care of her Sores, as the ſequel of the Story will make appear I did of her whole Body. I gave her preſently the *Elixir*, *Powder* and *Extract* aforegoing, continuing them (as in this Book is directed) for about ten Weeks, during which time ſhe amended every Day, had uni-

universal Ease in two or three Days after she first began to take them, came to her Stomach, got Strength, slept well, and was so extreamly pleas'd with her Medicines, that she said she could live upon them all the Days of her Life; and thus was she perfectly and quickly restor'd to her Health, which, if she had been again Salivated, would in all likelihood have quite destroy'd her Constitution, and prov'd a fatal Catastrophe to the poor Wretch.

I could instance in many more since my residing here, but the Medicines being Efficacious, will sufficiently recommend themselves, that I need say no more, but proceed to the Sixth and last Chapter.

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CHAP. VI.

How every Body may judge whether they ſtand in need of theſe Medicines, or not, when injur'd by the Diſeaſe it ſelf, or by any thing they may have taken for the Cure thereof.

NOW after all theſe Hiſtories, if it be ſo that if the inquiſitive Patient's Caſe may not exactly be laid open, yet ſome one may come ſo near, that he may eaſily judge, which Remedy is fitteſt for him to apply, without any further Advice: But leſt he ſhould not well diſtinguiſh whether his Caſe be purely *Venereal*, *Scorbutick*, or (as I may call it) *Medicinal*, that is proceeding from the Medicines he has been lately taking; I intend to give him ſuch Directions, that by himſelf he may eaſily diſtinguiſh, and proceed with the Medicines accordingly, and firſt I think to ſhew him, how he may know, whether he has got rid of his *Venereal* Malady, *viz.* When any one that has had the Diſeaſe, who was in perfect Health before,

before, he ought to be as perfectly well, as if never tainted, but if instead thereof, his Countenance is dark, swarthy or dull, his Spirits and Strength faint, his Body weary and unactive, his Head heavy and painful, his Intellectuals far from quick, his Eyes dim and flashing, tingling in his Ears, falling off of his Hair, his Nights restless, his Reins hot, or if there be any green, yellow, or dark colour'd Running issuing from the Privy Parts, or any Pains, Swellings, soft Humours, Redness or Soreness there, any shankrous Ouzings, Warts or Pustules, Scurfiness on the Genitals, sharpness of Urine, Spermatick Matter, Rags or Threads flying in it, Emission of Seed after Urine or Stool, more frequent occasions of making Water than ordinary, Pains and Weakness in the Loins; I say, if he is attended with any of these Symptoms after he thinks he is Cured, and had none of them before he got the Distemper, he may depend upon it he is not Cured, and the safety he imagines himself in, not to be rely'd on.

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For this Diſeaſe in ſome, is communicated and tenaciouſly adheres to the Humours and Spirits, and more or leſs affects, and ſooner and later is cured, according as thoſe Humours abound, or are more or leſs moiſt or dry, they being in the ſame degree diſpos'd to receive or reſiſt the Contagion; whence it is, that thoſe who have plenty of Humours, and thoſe moiſt, are with much leſs difficulty cur'd, than thoſe who have fewer Humours, and thoſe dry.

Now where the Humours are dry, and the Diſeaſe has fixt upon them and the Spirits, if the Patient be not cur'd by what Medicines he has had adminiſtred, he will find the Remains to affect him, as juſt now ſaid; for this Contagion being carried along in the Humours and Vital Spirits, is diſtributed thro' the whole Body, and does naturally move upwards, and by its Tenuity, pierce and paſs through all the Parts of the Head, though the Diſeaſe hath not its original Seat there, but in the Spirits and Humours, hurting, as ſaid before, all the Animal Functions, vitiating and weakning the Imagination, Memory, Reaſon, *&c.*

which if not in time remedied generally proves irrecoverable: The profuse Administration of *Mercurial* and *Antimonial* Medicines to such People, as they always impetuously carry the Humours upwards, ruin them for ever; and as the abovemention'd Symptoms are for the most part great and severe, and *Mercury* and *Antimony* often as the last and best Remedies given for the Cure, there is very good reason to believe the ill Effects proceed from those *Minerals*, as well as from the Disease. But that the Patient may understand when his Misfortunes may proceed from *Antimony*, I think it not amiss to say something particular on that Head.

Antimony as well as *Mercury* is of pernicious Consequence, if not judiciously Administred, and though when *Crude*, is by some said to be innocent, and for that reason frequently boil'd to the quantity of a Pound at a time in Diet-Drinks, and sometimes by it self, given by Drams in Powder for a Dose, yet I have known most violent Vomits to follow, even to the utmost hazard of Life; yet how often is it us'd by, I doubt too many, who

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are ignorant of its Qualities, not underſtanding that it conſiſts of a *Salt* and *Sulphur*, and how ſoon *Acids*, which it oftentimes meets with in the Stomach, opens its Body, and renders it Emetick, to the great Detriment and Danger of the Patient, as particularly in one I knew, a Gentlewoman in *Italy*, who for a *Leprous* Humour in the Face, was adviſ'd to take an Electuary made up of *Crude Antimony* in Powder and Honey mixt; of which ſhe had taken but only two Doſes, and expir'd, it throwing her into the moſt ſevere Vomitings of Blood and Convulſions, that drew Compaſſion from the Eyes of all the Byſtanders.

It is for theſe Reaſons careful Phyſicians alledge it to be dangerous, and that it is call'd the *Red-Lyon* by ſome, the *Wolf* by others, becauſe it turns Red, and devours all Metals except Gold.

And if it does this when *Crude*, what Miſchief will it not do when its Body is open'd by Art? We ſee what havock a *few Grains* of it then will make in ſome Bodies. The Flowers of *Antimony* was given to one but

lately, who had the *Venereal* Diſtemper in his Head, which by Vomitings and Torſions of his Bowels, ſoon ended his Days; ſo did one of the late Duke of *Buckingham*'s Servants, who was kill'd with a ſingle Doſe of them adminiſtred by a Phyſician: yet the Patient was a young luſty Man, and as ſtrong and likely to live as any Man in *London*, but the fatal Doſe being given, he never ceas'd Vomiting till he died, and the Vomiting was accompany'd with dreadful Convulſions; the Duke ſent for me (ſays the Author of this Account, who is an eminent and learned Phyſician in this Town, and my eſteemed Friend) but too late, I came ſo as to ſee the miſerable Object alive, but 'twas ſo wretched a ſight as my Eyes never beheld before, and in a few Hours after he expired. As I remember (ſays he) this Patient was the Porter at the Gate at *Wallingford*-Houſe. So your *Perpetual Pills*, *Antimonial Cup*, *Crocus Metallorum*. Glaſs of *Antimony*, and others, prove far more hurtful than helpful to moſt, eſpecially when preſcrib'd by the Ignorant, and unskilful Pretender, who no more knows how or to whom to give it,

it, than he knows how to cramp its Activity, or confine its Operation any more than they know its Nature, which generally is not at all.

Yet I have heard of a Phyſician in this City, that by a Preparation of *Antimony* which he gives in almoſt all Caſes, has acquir'd a plentiful Eſtate; and of another, who by a *Mercurial Medicine*, which he gives to all *Venereal* Patients at Five Pounds a Doſe (and ſold the ſame at that exorbitant Rate to Surgeons) got into ſome Fame; but as by this Policy they have gain'd their Wealth, were it to get now they would be miſtaken, the Medicines and their Operations, being too well known to be truſted, without mentioning the miſerable Outrage they have committed upon ſome Bodies.

I was told by one that once took a Doſe of the Five Pound Medicine, which a Surgeon procur'd of the Phyſician for him, (but not a Farthing bated) for a ſuſpicious *Venereal* Injury, that it Operated ſo extravagantly rugged and ſevere, both upwards and downwards, and gave him ſuch ſwinges in the Stomach, that all he brought up was ting'd with Blood,

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and follow'd him with a Soreneſs in his Cheſt, that he could never yet recover, and ſays, *He would ſooner dye, than take ſuch another Doſe.*

In ſhort, *Antimony* is not to be given to all, neither ought it to be given to any, but where good Judgment goes along with it, to diſtinguiſh, when, to whom, what Preparation, and in what Doſes, the want of which is the cauſe of ſo many Miſchiefs, and the diſmal Calamities we daily hear of; therefore let every one well conſider the Perſon's Ability as well as Integrity, they entruſt themſelves with, and above all to avoid, as they would the greateſt hurt that can befal them, thoſe daring Mimicks who have nothing to boaſt of, but the worſt made Preparations of *Antimony* and *Mercury*, on which *Minerals*, tho really of great uſe, an undeſerv'd Odium is brought, from the fatal Effects of them, by their Adminiſtrations.

But as I have ſhewn in the fourth Chapter, how the Patient may know when his Body is injur'd by *Mercury*, I ſhall here diſcover the Miſchiefs done by *Antimony*, that none may continue in their Miſtake, as many do, think-

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ing *Mercury* or the *Diſeaſe* is the cauſe, when indeed it is *Antimony*, that gives them the Uneaſineſs they complain of.

When therefore a Patient after a Courſe of Medicines for a *Venereal* Taint, finds himſelf pain'd in a particular manner at the Stomach, or is ſubject to Gripes, or very acute twitching Pains in any Part of his Body which makes him ſtart; or finds his Head very heavy, ſleepy, or with a weighty Pain between the Eye-brows, bearing upon his Noſe, or feels Leapings in his Blood, or more than ordinary Palpitations or Beatings in this or that Part, as if ſomething were alive; or is ſubject upon every ſlight occaſion to be ſickiſh at Stomach, or inclin'd to Vomit upon a little more than common Eating or Drinking, or after Eating more than ordinary, finds his Bowels extended with Wind, and ſubject to ſowr windy Belchings, *&c.* then may it be fear'd his Body is injur'd by *Antimony*, which remaining any long time in ſuch a Condition, will degenerate the Blood, entirely ſpoil the Stomach, and cauſe

cauſe an univerſal decay all over the Body; if not prevented by Medicines, to do which I dare ſay none are more Efficacious than thoſe in this Book recommended.

Sometimes indeed we know that the Diſeaſe, and Relicts will take their abode and lodge in every Diſtemper the Patient has been incident to, which he may think is no more than that uſual Diſtemper increas'd, and may then be thoughtleſs of any thing *Venereal*; but however, he has cauſe to ſuſpect himſelf; eſpecially if the Diſtemper he had before he got the *Venereal* one, be worſe than uſual, becauſe true *Antivenereals* overcome moſt other Chronick Diſtempers, at leaſtwiſe greatly ſubdue them; therefore the Patient may with the more reaſon expect an Abatement, which if he finds not, there is ſufficient cauſe to doubt his Cure.

Now as there are many of the aforemention'd Symptoms incident to a *Scorbutick* Body as well as a *Venereal* one, and in ſome Patients ſcarcely diſtinguiſhable, which has caus'd many a melancholy Patient to aver himſelf not Cur'd when he is, giving him-

himſelf the greateſt Diſorder of Mind imaginable, fancying every thing he feels, and feeling whatever he fancies; driving him from one Phyſician to another, till by loads of Phyſick, his Conſtitution is ruin'd; I ſhall, ſince the Symptoms are generally ſo alike, as that it is really hard to diſtinguiſh but by Medicine, ſay ſomething before I take my leave, more particularly concerning the *Scurvy*, whereby may be judg'd whether the Caſe be either *Scorbutick* or *Venereal*.

The *Scurvy* eaſily aſſociates it ſelf with every thing Morbifick in the Body, and as the Learned *Etmuller* ſays, *Proteus* like, aſſumes the Shape of moſt Chronick Diſeaſes, but to oblige the Reader, I ſhall here ſet down thoſe Signs, that are accounted to be peculiar to it, ſuch by which it is commonly diſtinguiſh'd from other Analogous Diſeaſes.

Firſt, A Heat and Tickling in the Gums, which is follow'd by Bleeding when they are touch'd.

Secondly, A blue and livid Colour under the Eyes, of the Shape of a

Half Moon; where this appears, and the Gums bleed, it is an infallible Sign of the Scurvy, ſays *Lindanus*.

Thirdly, Little Spots like Flea-bites, eſpecially upon the lower Parts.

Fourthly, A Weakneſs and Vacillation in the Knees, which makes the Patients think they are going to fall.

Fifthly, A violent Stinking-breath, eſpecially when they are faſting.

Sixthly, The Patient's being often troubled with Fluſhings in the Face, and ſudden Heats all over.

Tho' it is certain, that, where all theſe Signs appear, the Patient is troubled with the Scurvy; yet are theſe hardly ever ſeen without being accompany'd with other Symptoms, that are likewiſe obſerv'd in the *Pox*, and it is altogether impoſſible to determine, which of theſe two Diſtempers they immediately belong to, if the Patient ever had a *Venereal* Taint.

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But then in thoſe Ambiguous Caſes, the taking the Medicines herein recommended, not only ſoon determines the matter to the Patient's *Satisfaction*, but alſo by the great Power they are endow'd with, moves off to his *Eaſe*, both the one and the other, which is as much as the moſt timerous Patient can deſire, or the moſt skilful Phyſician direct.

Thus having with all the Perſpicuity and Plainneſs I poſſibly could in ſo ſhort a Treatiſe, given my Readers, whether *Patients* or not, ſuch Rules, by which alone they may reſolve to themſelves, whether they are left with any Remainders of the *Venereal Diſeaſe*; or are under any Inconveniencies, by the too great Quantities or Miſapplications of Medicines they may have taken; and alſo having done the very ſame, as to the Medicines herein recommended, both in their diſtribution and management of the Patient in their Operations; it will no doubt bring upon me the Cenſure of abundance of Tautology, and Dulneſs; which if ſo, I muſt with * Mr. *Bickerſtaffe* confeſs, 'tis done

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with deſign; but not without juſt Reaſon, when I think this may fall into the Hands of very many, for whom, Directions cannot be too plain, and that becauſe of the impoſſibility of my anſwering either their Queſtions or Letters, I being by my private Affairs, oblig'd ſo often, to be in Parts beyond the Seas; But notwithſtanding, I ſhall take care at all times to provide Medicines ſufficient in my abſence; ſince they are ſuch that neither *Time* nor *Climate*, will in the leaſt alter or leſſen their Virtues and Effects.

What I have further now to do, is only to let the Patients know, that they may go or ſend for the Medicines, by the Names, and for the Prices in the Catalogue following, to Mr. *Bernard Lintott*, Bookſeller, at the *Croſs-keys* between the Two *Temple*-Gates, in *Fleetſtreet*; whom only I have entruſted to diſpoſe of them, and which are to be had of him, and no other Perſon whatſoever.

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The *firſt Three Medicines* are thoſe chiefly deſign'd to remove and root out all Morbifick Remains of the worſt Symptoms of *Venereal* Taints, as *Poxes*, &c. Or the Uneaſineſſes created by the Medicines the Patients may have taken to Cure thoſe Symptoms.

But the *Three latter* are altogether adapted for *ſimple Gleets*, and the like *Remains* of *Gonorrhæa's* in *Men*; The *Whites*, *Weakneſſes*, and ſuch like in *Women*; only with this Advice, that where *Gleets* or *Runnings* in either Sex appear foul, of a green or yellow Colour, *&c.* and not white or tranſparent; then is the *Lenitive-Elixir* to be firſt taken, till that Foulneſs be remov'd, as they may ſee more at large directed in *Page* 51.

After what I have ſaid, I cannot imagine, how a rational Man, that ever

ever had the *Venereal Diſeaſe*, and reads this, if he feels ſome of the Symptoms, or even but thinks he feels them, can anſwer to himſelf the neglect of theſe Medicines, that at once would rid him of his Fears and Diſtempers too, whether proceeding from *Scorbutick*, or the Relicts of either the *Diſeaſe*, or the *Medicines*, which he perhaps has had the ill fortune to have been for a long time plagu'd with.

But ſtill, whatever becomes of the Medicines; thus far I ſhall adviſe all People, ever afflicted with a *Venereal* Taint, that however they may ſlight the Evils, to which they always remain liable themſelves, (ſome being ſo ſtupid that they will not *fear* till they to ſome purpoſe *feel*, or think any danger very *conſiderable* till it becomes *inevitable*) they would for the Security of the Common-wealth, never think of Matrimony, before they are certain of a perfect Cure, becauſe without it, they run the riſque not only of infecting what ought to be moſt dear to them, but likewiſe entailing a Series of dreadful and perhaps incurable Diſeaſes upon their unhappy Poſterity, for many Ages after, the Danger as well as Igno-

Ignominy of which I leave to their ſerious Conſideration.

I ſhall now conclude all with this neceſſary Direction for the Eaſe of thoſe that can't take a *Pill*, *Bolus*, or *Electuary*, (there being ſome ſuch People in the World) that the *Balſamick Electuary* may be diſſolved, as is directed for the *Diaphoretick Extract*, and ſo drank off; But as for the *Lenitive Elixir*, *Eradicating Powder*, and *Corroborative Drops*, no further Directions, than what are already given, need here be mention'd, becauſe if the Stomachs of any be ſo exceeding nice or ſqueamiſh, as to refuſe Medicines ſo very eaſy to take as they are, they muſt ev'n bear their Diſeaſe, ſince its impoſſible to make all Medicines both effectual and pleaſant at once, *Food* and *Phyſick* being of different kinds.

But before I diſmiſs the Reader, I diſire a Miſtake of the Preſs in Page 52. aforegoing may be rectified, where ſpeaking of the Patient's taking the *Corroborative Drops*, it is ſaid Twenty to be taken every *Night*, when it ſhould be every *Morning*: Which pray obſerve.

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